

BROOKLYN NEWS.

DEATH TAKES ONE ACCUSED.

The Case Against Lawyer Wheeler for Swindling Adjourned.

He Is Charged with Extorting Money in Collecting Death Claims.

Mrs. Mollie L. Scott, of 162 Second street, Brooklyn, died at an early hour this morning, and her case against Albert A. Wheeler, a prominent lawyer and brother to Hassan Wheeler, President of the American Telegraph Company, whom she accused of misappropriating \$35 of her money through fraudulent and false representation, was adjourned by Justice Tighe in the Butler Street Police Court, Brooklyn, this morning until Sept. 18.

When the case was called Lawyer E. B. Barnum appeared for Mrs. Scott, and after telling Justice Tighe of the death of his client reiterated the charge contained in the affidavits of Mrs. Scott and his brother.

The affidavits allege that Lawyer Wheeler, as Recorder of Senate Council, Order of United Friends, No. 53, received a sum of \$35 from Mrs. Scott in a life insurance policy on the organization, held by William E. Scott, son of Mrs. Scott, Scott died Dec. 7, 1882.

Lawyer Wheeler went to Mrs. Scott, as best of his knowledge, to collect the check without consideration of the amount.

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A PRIEST WANTS DAMAGES.

Father O'Connell Sues the Long Island Railroad for \$10,000.

A damage suit for \$10,000 has been brought against the Long Island Railroad by Father O'Connell, pastor of the Catholic Church of St. Rose of Lima, at Rockaway. He claims that he was assaulted on the evening of Aug. 18 by a conductor of the road because he refused to pay fare after being put on the train, which he had already bought his ticket.

He says the conductor dragged him through the car, tore his clothing, and for five days beat him from the train, though the station master was accompanied by two police officers who were put off at the same time.

They had bought tickets at Hammels, Staten Island, and the guard had directed them to the Long Island City train.

Father O'Connell's lawyer, Thomas N. Gandy, says that the conductor was the conductor who was a railroad detective hired by the company because he was a bad boy and had the appearance of being a good boy.

VAN WHAL WILL RECOVER.

He Is a Prisoner for Attempting Suicide in Greenwood.

Hulbert Van What, the young clerk of 153 East Fifty-third street, New York, who attempted to kill himself in Greenwood Cemetery early last evening, was reported to the physicians of the Norwegian Hospital as being on the road to recovery this morning. The bullet, which struck him in the shoulder, and the gun which he used to commit suicide, were removed yesterday.

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He knew that she had just bought a plot in Greenwood Cemetery, and he said that J. E. Hunter of Greenpoint, the child's grandfather, took her to the cemetery and received a broken arm.

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The second cause of action is stated to be that on Aug. 3 Knipe presented a bill of exchange for \$100 to his doctor, and, when he came to collect payment, he was told that the bill had been cashed.

Significantly, however, Wheeler made the same proposition to her which he made to Mrs. Scott, but that after agreeing to pay him \$5 he changed her mind.

In consequence of the investigation the members of Diana Council have decided to sue the railroad, charging the representative of the Grand Council to stop the too frequent abuses of confidence reposed by the beneficiaries from members and prevent benefits from being so easily obtained. They will also demand any discounts made by officials, who take advantage of the trust placed in them.

Lawyer Wheeler, the accused, has always been considered one of the most reputable members of the Bar practicing in Brooklyn.

CANT GET A WARRANT.

Bacon's Infectious Visits to the Lee Avenue Court.

Benjamin O. Bacon, President of the Rutledge Street Property-Owners' Association, of Williamsburg, complains bitterly of the fact that he cannot obtain a warrant in the Lee Avenue Court.

The property-owner Association was formed for the purpose of protesting against the introduction of the trolley into that street. To pay lawyers' fees and other necessary expenses it was necessary to levy an assessment on the owners of property in that part of the city which lies between 12th and 14th streets, and 10th and 11th avenues.

Henry Plympton was elected President, and committee reported that claims for damages amounted to \$10,000, and that against the city, Van Wyck & Boyd were retained to prosecute the actions.

Letters were sent from Mayor David M. Quinn, State Senator, and Assemblyman to the Lee Avenue Court, demanding that a writ of habeas corpus be issued.

Kost was engaged to a young woman named Mary Brown, and was to have been married on Sunday. He had been working in his shop on 14th street, between 8th and 9th avenues, and took away all the trade from Kost, so that the latter's business was practically ruined according to his testimony. He has no trade, and his friends do not believe that cholera morbus had anything to do with his death.

NOT HEIR TO A FORTUNE.

Ex-Constable Winters Says He Is the Victim of a Joke.

Dennis Winters, the ex-constable, who, it was said in various papers this morning, had fallen heir to a fortune, was seen in the Lee Avenue Court yesterday and denied the story.

"There is not a word of truth in it," he declared. "But it has made things worse. My friends have been calling me I do not know how and asking me to relieve the financial depression which which I am in. It is great, but I am not a cent richer today than I have been for months back."

"Saturday," said Mr. Bacon, "I went to the Lee Avenue, and saw a work man there. He said he had a fortune, but he declined to issue a warrant, saying I should come back in a week. It looks very much as if I would not be able to get it."

Kost will be in court again on Saturday, and unless he is more successful than he was on previous days he promises to go downtown and make trouble for some one.

DIED FROM HER BURNS.

Little Mary Mitchell Dropped a Match in Furniture Varnish.

Eleven-year-old Mary Mitchell, of 45 Clermont avenue, Brooklyn, died in the Brooklyn Hospital shortly after midnight this morning from burns received at her home.

At dusk last evening she lit a kerosene lamp and set it on the mantle. A cup containing furniture varnish, which set near the lamp, was accidentally knocked over, and the lamp exploded. The girl dropped the lighted match in the varnish and the stuff blazed up, setting her clothing on fire.

The girl's parents, and their two sons, who were swimming in the ocean pier, where some men were friendly disposed and humane boys rescued it and carried it for two hours.

THROWN FROM THE BRIDGE.

Counter Accusations Made When Two Men Are Arrested.

Although "Cat Came Back" today, after extraordinarily great efforts to keep it on the part of four boys.

The cruel youngsters yesterday afternoon threw a frightened Maltese from the Brooklyn Bridge promenade near the Brooklyn tower, just as a Brooklyn train passed.

The cat landed on the railroad ties, but the train passed over one of the paws, loosening its hold, and causing it to drop.

To spite its injuries, the poor thing succeeded in swimming to the excursion pier, where some men were friendly disposed and humane boys rescued it and carried it for two hours.

WHO STOLE THE BOATS?

Marshal Biggart's Search for This Year Rescued Cana-Bots.

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SHIP REPAIRERS FAIL.

Cowles Engineering Company, of Brooklyn, Makes an Assignment.

The Cowles Engineering Company, of Brooklyn, has failed to make a general assignment to Vautier Carter. There are no preferential creditors. The Company conducted a large business of repairing and altering ships at the foot of Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, Bay Ridge.

The assignment was filed with the Clerk of Courts, and the officers of the Company return to it to get all information concerning the cause which led to the assignment, and referred all inquiries to their lawyer, William Shepard, of 30 Wall street, New York.

RIFLE BULLET IN HIS BRAIN.

Young McElvrey's Rifle Went Off as He Learned Over It.

James McElvrey, the twelve-year-old son of builder John McElvrey, is dying at his home in Flatbush with a bullet hole in his brain.

A few days ago the boy entered the dining room with the rifle in his hand. He loaded it, and, when he tried to piece of paper, leaning over the barrel of the rifle, he did so when the cartridge exploded and the ball entered his head. The bullet passed through the brain, and efforts to extract it have failed, and the boy's recovery is despaired of.

LAWYER SAYS HE ROBBED HER.

Justice Connolly, in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, today held Charles Norden, of 113 Vernon Avenue, on a charge of grand larceny. Norden pleaded with Mrs. Sarah Norden, his wife, and the children left the house from the house. It is alleged that he stole \$5 in money and property worth \$50.

Run Down by a Train.

JAMAICA, L. I., Aug. 31.—An unknown man about fifty years of age, evidently a laborer, while walking on the track of the Long Island Railroad near Springfield, was run down by a passenger train, the New York and New Haven express train, due at Jamaica at 8:30 this morning, and instantly killed.

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